

EDUCATION AT ANY COST?

An Editorial

Have you read the Proposed Annual School Budget for 1966-1967 that appears in this week's issue of the Andover News?

Do you understand it? Do you have any questions as to how over one half a Million Dollars is to be spent? Or are you as fully confused as we are when you attempt to reach a comparison with previous budgets due to the fact that the headings are apparently inconsistent and confusing?

For example: in the July 5, 1962 Edition of the Andover News, the "Annual Report of Andover Central School for the school year of 1961-1962" listed under the "Expenditures" heading: Instructional Services, Regular Day Schools — **Salaries of Principals — \$10,500. Salaries of Clerical and other help — \$4,700.** And, the Combined Salaries of all the teachers from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade, plus substitute teachers was \$172,087.50.

Then in the July 8, 1965 issue of the Andover News under the Annual School Report for 1964-1965, listed Expenditures, was **Central Administration: Chief School Administrator Salary — \$12,000** (which was a reasonable yearly \$500 increment raise). Clerical Help — \$5,700. And, the total salaries of all teachers from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade, including substitute teachers was \$196,194.00.

However, listed beside this report, was the Proposed Annual School Budget 1965-1966. Here, under General Fund Appropriations was the heading **Central Administration** which listed "Personal Services" — \$23,600.00 — with no breakdown of the salaries of the "Chief School Administrator" and Clerical Help. And, likewise lumped together under the heading: "Instructors - Regular Day School" — \$221,901.25.

Yet, in this week's Andover News, the "Andover Central School Annual Financial Report for 1965-66", lists under Expenses: "Chief School Administrator, Personal Services — \$18,287.39. With the Business Administration Heading listing "Personal Services — \$5,149.84. And, the combined salaries of all the teachers from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade, amounts to \$212,377.25.

Does this possibly mean that in one short year, with a change in the heading from last year's report that listed: "Chief Administrators Salary" — \$12,000. to this year's report "Chief School Administrator" personal services — \$18,287.39, there is an actual pay raise of \$6,287.39 for 1 person? And the pay raise for all the teachers from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade (around 30 in all), only amounted to \$16,183.25? (An average raise per teacher of around \$500 for the year.)

And to top this off for the Proposed 1966-1967 Budget to be voted on next week — the Chief School Administrator Personal Services is set at \$19,300. Is this another \$1,000 raise for the same services to be performed?

We have read in the Wellsville Daily Reporter that our School Tax Rate here in Andover will be raised as a result of this year's budget.

How much longer is this terrific spiral to continue? And, how much more is it going to cost we Taxpayers?

As long as local citizens continue to be deluded by the lure of "So-Called" free money from the State and Federal Government, State and Federal Aid will increase right along with it.

Likewise as the School Budget rises in order to get more Aid, we will have to keep paying out more and more in local School Taxes — unless economies can be made to hold the budget at the same level.

It is all up to you — the Taxpayers — what you want — and what you are willing to pay for. If you aren't interested in what over \$500 Thousand Dollars is spent for — don't bother to attend the Annual Meeting. If you are interested — at least attend to see how your money is being spent — and see if your children's education is going to be improved!

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50 YEARS AGO

June 30, 1916

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The members of the Class of 1916 are: Reva E. Clarke, Frances Beebe, Anna Farley, Harold Dawson, Agnes Taylor, Cecile Hoard, Eloise Clarke, Ruth Hann, Muriel Earley, Jessie Berger, Thomas Lynch, Avic Meade, Mark Boyd and Ruth DeRemer. This High School graduating class left for Washington, D. C., Wednesday. The trip includes Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Jacobs of Hornell and Earl Slocum of Andover were united in marriage June 22nd.

John Harrington, 98, of Voorhees Hill, died Tuesday, June 27. Rev. W. H. Randall terminated his pastorate with the Andover Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings are the parents of a son, Howard Allison, born June 22nd.

Mrs. E. Gallagher left for New York City Thursday, where she will spend a few days with her brother.

Miss Grace Cheesman is attending the National Home Economics Association meeting in Ithaca this week.

F. R. Henderson left Monday for a two weeks visit with his brothers, E. L. and Charles Henderson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. H. B. Williams and son, Philip, left yesterday for Malvern, Ohio, where they will visit relatives in Malvern and Freeport for several weeks.

40 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1926

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The following eight young ladies received their diploma at the Commencement Exercises Tuesday evening, June 22nd: Louise Forsing, Grace Burdick, Ferne Greene, Onolee Hammell, Georgianna Bines, Alice Rogers, Edna Smith and Marylyn DeRemer.

Miss Eleanor McFetridge and Ellis Walter Wells were united in marriage, Tuesday, June 22nd.

Miss Marion Rogers has accepted a position in the offices of the Borden Milk Company Plant at Whitesville.

Miss Grace Louise Cross of Canisteo and Hugh Kenyon of Andover were united in marriage today, Friday, June 25th.

Mrs. Martin Young of Greenwood is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Swarts of West Greenwood.

Mrs. P. J. Dougherty, Mrs. James Guinn and Mrs. D. A. Murphy of Johnstown, Pa., spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. B. Doran of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew and children, Mary and Vincent, returned from Buffalo Saturday, where they have been guests at the home of W. B. Paul and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien of West Orange, N. J., and son, James, who recently graduated from Niagara University, are visiting Mrs. Mary Barrett and family.

E. C. Langworthy is in Buffalo this week attending the Annual Shoot of the New York State Sportsman's Association.

30 YEARS AGO

June 26, 1936

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The following Seniors received their diplomas Wednesday evening: Beatrice Sly, Joseph McAndrew, Veronica O'Hagan, June Babcock, Jessamine Briggs, Milton Briggs, Roberta Church, Rita Dean Donald Edwards, Edna Joyce, Marian Lever, Donald Lynch, Philip Lynch, Marjorie Nevoll, Dorothy Nobles, Ivar Rogers, Virginia Smith, Mary Etta Spicer and Henry Weinhauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill, are the parents of a son, born Sunday, June 21st.

The Corwin Family Reunion was held at Island Park, Wellsville, Sunday, June 21st with 45 attending.

The Slocum Family Reunion was held at the West Greenwood

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well racing fans, due to circumstances beyond our control, about the only room that we have available for this column is for a brief re-cap of the week-end racing results. Hopefully, next week we will be able to bring you a full dose of our usual chatter.

At Bradford Thursday night: In the Hooligan Class—Gene Green, No. 9, took the 1st heat and Feature; with Jack Blessing, No. 6, winning the 2nd heat.

In the Sportsman Class: Jim Givan, No. 107, took the 1st heat; Al Skiver, No. 30, the 2nd; and in the Feature—Larry Swander, No. 99, took 1st place; and due to the wrecks and spin-outs, we think that Herb Layfield, No. 48, took 2nd; Leo Gausman, No. 6Jr., 3rd; Tom Elder, No. 65Jr., 4th; and Glen Teribury, No. 69, 5th.

In the Modern Class—Bill Layfield, No. 7X, won the 1st heat;

Grange Hall Sunday, June 21st with 55 in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster, daughter, Idanett, and son, Howard were week-end guests of relatives in Meadville.

Miss Thelma Lewis closed the Voorhees Hill School year Monday. She entertained her pupils with a picnic at Letchworth Park. Lasca Baker, Hilda Church and Audrey Cory had perfect attendance.

Miss Mary O'Boyle taught school at Medina on Wednesday of last week.

Elmer Church of Williamsport, Pa., arrived Saturday for a visit at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge of Pulaski were Saturday and Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter are at Saratoga Springs this week where Mrs. Carpenter is attending the Health Officers Clinic.

Ed Kisko, No. 6, the 2nd; and in the Feature — Jim Hakes, No. 04, won 1st; Ray Jordan, No. 32, 2nd; and Ed Kisko, No. 6, 3rd.

At Smethport Friday night — In the Hooligan Class: Dick Fitzgerald, No. 69, took the heat; and Tom Wilcox, No. 44, won the Feature.

In the Sportsman Class: Terry Hodge, No. 13, won the 1st heat; Lee Gausman, No. 6Jr., took the 2nd; Herb Layfield, No. 48, the Consy; and in the Feature, Larry Swander, No. 99, won 1st place; Herb Layfield, No. 48, 2nd; Lee Gausman, No. 6Jr., 3rd and Al Skiver, No. 30, 4th.

In the Modern Class: Chet Smith, No. 202, took the 1st heat; Bob Schnars, No. 1, the 2nd; Squirt Johns, No. 511, the Consy. In the Feature: Squirt Johns, No. 511, won 1st; Bob Schnars, No. 1, 2nd; Ray Jordan, No. 32, 3rd; Bob Bigley, No. 7, 4th; and Ed Emerson, No. 124, 5th.

At the Sportsman's Raceway Saturday night: In the Sportsman Class: Wesley Rogers, No. V05, took the 1st heat; Larry Scouton, No. 1%, the 2nd; Phil Pipe, the Consy; and in the Feature — Wesley Rogers, No. V05, won 1st; Dan Deming, No. 9, 2nd; Frank Starkweather, No. 10, 3rd; Phil Pipe, No. 71, 4th; and Larry Scouton, No. 1%, 5th.

In the Modern Class: Warren Kinney, No. 16, took the 1st heat; Basil Shutt, No. 13, the 2nd; and George Hilliard, No. 12, the Consy. In the Feature, Warren Kinney, No. 16, won 1st; Basil Shutt, No. 13, 2nd; Gabe Hanes, No. 10, 3rd; George Hilliard, No. 12, 4th; and Phil Pipe, driving Ken Perry's No. 58, 5th.

At the Woodhull Raceway Sunday afternoon, in the Sportsman Class: Bill Housh, No. 25, won the 1st heat; Dick Bunn, No. 69, the 2nd; and Arnie Flint, No. 7X, the Consy and Feature.

In the Modern Class: Bill Layfield, No. 7X, won the 1st heat; Paul Hidek, No. 6%, the 2nd heat and feature; with Basil Shutt, No. 13, winning the Consy.

DID YOU KNOW that it has been at least 30 years since there was a woman on the Andover School Board? (Isn't it about time for a change?)

DID YOU KNOW that it has been 20 years since we had a full-time foreign language teacher? (Is this progress? Latin isn't always the answer for students who need two years of such language for college entrance. Some people remember when several languages were offered in this school!)

DID YOU KNOW that of the present five-member school board, only one of the members has children of school age? (How interested can the others be?)

DID YOU KNOW that I, MARY K. SLADE, am a candidate for Tony Dougherty's vacated position on the School Board? (Past contests indicate that few people are even aware of School Board elections and who are candidates until the NEWS comes out after the election.)

WE ALL PAY SCHOOL TAXES AND/OR HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. LET'S TAKE AN INTEREST IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS BEFORE THE ELECTION!

LET US TRADE ACTION FOR APATHY AND COME OUT TO VOTE IN THE SCHOOL ELECTION ON JULY 12 AT 8 P. M. AT THE SCHOOL!

Voting in a Central School Election has NOTHING to do with whether or not one is registered for voting in the town elections. (This is apparently a city-school requirement.)

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON JULY 12th IF YOU MEET THESE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Are a citizen of the United States.
2. Are 21 years of age.
3. Are a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days next preceding the meeting, and in addition possess ONE of the following requirements:
 1. own or are the spouse of an owner (not of a renter) lease, hire, or are in possession under a contract of purchase of, real property in such district liable to taxation for school purposes. (Lodgers and boarders are not entitled to vote.) Under this first clause persons who hold a joint deed or joint lease each may vote.
 2. Are the parent of a child or children of school age, provided that such child or children have attended the district school for a period of at least 8 weeks during the year preceding the school election. (Under this provision both father and mother may vote.)
 3. Not being the parent, have permanently residing with you a child or children of school age who shall have attended the district school for a period of at least 8 weeks during the year preceding the election.

If you need transportation to the school we will furnish same. Please call the following numbers:

478-3874 — M. K. Slade 478-5971 — Jean Jackson
478-4561 — Carol Wilcox 478-5151 — Greta Gram
478-5694 — Helene Capron

EVEN IF THE 12th IS TOO WARM OR RAINY, PLEASE COME OUT LONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT ME IN THE SCHOOL ELECTION!

MARY KATHERINE SLADE